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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH HANNAH ZEMER

1. POLITICAL OFFICER MET WITH DAVAR EDITOR HANNAH ZEMER
ON MAY 13, SHORTLY AFTER DAVAR HAD A BOMB
SCARE. SHE CONNECTED THE THREAT WITH HER REFUSAL TO
PRINT A LIKUD ELECTION AD THAT HINTED AT ALIGNMENT
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HLICOPTER DISASTER OF MAY 10.
THE ALIGNMENT HAD RETALIATED (THE LIKUD AD DID APPEAR
IN ANOTHER PAPER) BY CHARGING THAT BEGIN WAS OUT
RAISING MONEY FOR HERUT'S TEL HAI FUND WHEN HE SHOULD
HAVE BEEN ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE KNESSET'S
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY COMMITTEE.

2. MRS. ZEMER THOUGHT THAT RECENT ISRAELI CONCERN
OVER U.S. POLICIES WAS THE MAJOR FACTOR IN THE
ALIGNMENT'S FALTERING CAMPAIGN. SHE HERSELF REMAINED
VERY MUCH A FAN OF PRESIDENT CARTER. ASKED ABOUT
THE EFFECT OF SECRETARY VANCE'S ASSURANCE FOLLOWING
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HIS MEETING WITH ALLON AND THE PRESIDENT'S STATE-
MENT ON THE U.S.-ISRAEL ARMS RELATIONSHIP,
SHE SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO BE CERTAIN
BUT SHE BELIEVED THE STATEMENTS MIGHT
WELL HELP THE ALIGNMENT AT THE POLLS.

3. ASKED WHOM SHE HAD SUPPORTED IN THE RABIN-

PERES CONTEST,SHE SAID NEITHER AS SHE HAD BEEN UNIMPRESSED WITH THEIR LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. HER FAVORITE CANDIDATE FOR PRIME MINISTER WOULD HAVE BEEN JUSTICE MINISTER HAIM ZADOK. SHE THOUGHT PERES "VULNERABLE" AND BEMOANED THE ABSENCE OF REAL LEADERS IN ISRAEL.

4. SHE HAD NOTHING NEW TO ADD TO THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM ON POSSIBLE COALITION COMBINATIONS FOR THE NEXT GOVERNMENT,BUT SHE WAS NOT PARTICULARLY UPSET BY THE PROSPECT OF THE LIKUD IN THE GOVERNMENT.(IN ANOTHER CONTEXT SHE MADE THE SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY COMMENT THAT THE REASON SHE SUPPORTS THE ALIGNMENT WAS TO PREVENT THE LIKUD'S COMING TO POWER.) SHOULD ISRAEL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE PAINFUL CONCESSIONS, BEGIN'S IMPRIMATUR WOULD BE DESIRABLE--MAYBE EVEN NECESSARY. IN A PERIOD OF CRISIS WITH ISRAEL UNDER PRESSURE,BEGIN IN OPPOSITION COULD BE DANGEROUS.THE QUESTION MRS. ZEMER POSED WAS WHETHER BEGIN COULD BE COOPTED INTO TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR A DIFFICULT COMPROMISE BY SERVING IN A COALITION THAT HAD TO MAKE SUCH A DECISION. SHE DOUBTED IT. ON THE OTHER HAND, EVEN AS PRIME MINISTER IN A LIKUD-LED GOVERNMENT,BEGIN WOULD GO TO GENEVA READY FOR TERRITORIAL COMPROMISES.SHE DID NOT THINK HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ANNEX THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. HER OWN VOTE WILL GO TO THE POALEI AGUDAT YISRAEL, FOR WHOM SHE HAD VOTED WHENEVER IT RAN INDEPENDENT OF ITS TRADITIONAL PRITNER, AGUDAT YISRAEL.TO THE EMOFF'S EXPRESSION OF SURPRISE, SHE EXPLAINED THAT WHEREAS HER DAVAR EDITORIALS WERE POLITICAL ACTS, HER VOTE WAS AN ACT OF CONSCIENCE.IT REFLECTED HER BACKGROUND AND SHE OWED IT TO HER PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO VOTE PAY.
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